

REMARKS


In order to remove issues for appeal, claims 29-37, 47-55, 65-74, 84-92, 102-110, 120-128, and 140 have been cancelled without prejudice to their continued prosecution in a continuation and/or divisional application.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20-28, 38-46, 56-64, 75-83, 93-101, 111-119, 129-139, and 141 are present and active in the application.

In accordance with MPEP 714.13, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 1.116 inasmuch as it merely cancels claims. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 41.33(b)(1) inasmuch as the cancellation of claims 29-37, 47-55, 65-74, 84-92, 102-110, 120-128, and 140 does not affect the scope of any other pending claim in the proceeding.

For the reasons set forth above, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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